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SUBJECT: LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACT

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

2. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR. MINISTER: AS YOU TAKE OVER THE IMPORTANT PORTFOLIO OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF YOUR COUNTRY, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE APPOINTMENT AND EXPRESS MY DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU IN FURTHER STRENGTHENING OUR BILATERAL TIES AS WELL AS OUR HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS.

3. VENEZUELA HAS ESTABLISHED A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP ON THE INTER-AMERICAN SCENE AND THE VOICE OF VENEZUELA, REPRESENTING A FREELY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT, IS LISTENED TO WITH RESPECT. YOUR COUNTRY IS ALSO DESTINED TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE ON ECONOMIC ISSUES IN THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WORLD. OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS ARE SUCH THAT I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL FIND IT USEFUL TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE DIALOGUE IN THE MONTHS TO COME.
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4. THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE
IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER PERSONALLY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORK-

ING WITH YOU IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE, JUSTICE, AND
STEADILY IMPROVING RELATIONS THROUGHOUT OUR CONTINENT.
BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER END TEXT. KISSINGER

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